

▀ The verbal base *spend* cannot substitute any of its compound verbs (e.g., **the district will spend by \$200,000*).

- (2) a. Miller projected the district will **{overspend/ *spend}** by \$200,000 this year ... (US 2019)
 b. ... the NHS routinely **{underspent/ *spend}** by a billion or two every year. (GB 2019)
 c. ... the New Democrats would **be {outspending/ *spending}** the Liberals **by \$1.5 billion** ... (CA 2017)

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▀ Activity verbs unrelated to *money or time relations* can be incorporated into the comparative constructions in highly specific contexts.

(Verbs representing 'money transfer' or 'time passage')

	Wordbanks (600million)
overpay	76/2335(3.2%)
outsell	39/592(6.5%)
outlive	33/915(3.6%)
overspend	14/596 (2.3%)
outspend	4/121(3.3%)
underspend	3/118(2.5%)

(Verbs unrelated to *money or time relation*)

	Wordbanks (600million)	I-web (14billion)
overeat	0/406	15/15538 (0.097%)
overload	1/1877 (0.054%)	15/92623(0.016%)
overfill	0/44	11/4196(0.26%)
overbook	0/87	10/2444 (0.4%)
overfeed	0/62	1/2445
overstress	0/46	1/1528(0.06%)
outgrow	0/1051	* 0/24273

*The gap use of *by* can be seen only in news register (*The US outgrew Euroland by three percentage points in 2012 and again in 2013...* <GB 2014/ Now Corpus >).

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☞ The preposition *by* can be hidden when *overspend* and *overpay* are used (Iwamiya 2019).

- a. It is estimated that **Euro 375million was overpaid** to the revenue commissioners last year alone. (Wordbanks/ Iwamiya 2019)
- b. We **overspent \$400,000** last year and we weren't told, we weren't even warned about that as the year progressed, ...
(Canada 2018/ Now Corpus/ Iwamiya 2019)

Reference. Iwamiya, Tsutomu. 2019. Kisushi Mokutekigo Ni Yotte Shiujiru over-V No Imi No Kousatstu
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